

REMARKS

Claims 27 and 35 have been canceled in the October 19, 1998 Amendment.

Newly added application claims 26, 28, 31-34, 38 and 39 have been amended in the October 19, 1998 Amendment and resubmitted herein to meet the formal requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b).

Original patent claims 1, 6, 18, 24, and 25 have also been amended in the October 19, 1998 Amendment.

Claims 1-26, 28-34, and 36-41 are now pending.

37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(6) requires that all amendments in a reissue application be made "relative to the patent specification, including the claims, and drawings, which is in effect as of the date of filing of the reissue application." Accordingly, Applicant has underlined each of the amended reissue application claims 26, 28, 31-34, 38 and 39 in its entirety.

Applicant submits that the present reissue application is now in condition for allowance.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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